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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S HEALTH

1. KENYA FOREIGN MINISTER DR. WAIYAKI HAS CONFIDED TO ME THAT PRESIDENT KENYATTA HAS NOT BEEN AT ALL WELL OVER PAST MONTH. ONE DAY HE WILL BE FINE, NEXT DAY ILL, THEN HAVE TOTAL LAPSE OF MEMORY FOLLOWING DAY REGARDING HIS ILLNESS. IT MEANS, WAIYAKI COMMENTED, THAT (PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE) KARIITHI, (ATTORNEY GENERAL) NJONJO AND I ARE "RUNNING THE COUNTRY."

2. COMMENT: KATU NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3 IN NAIROBI, AND KENYATTA HAS BEEN EXPECTED TO PRESIDE, THUS CONFERRING MAXIMUM LEGITIMACY ON PROCESS THAT HAS GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE EVENTUAL SUCCESSION. IF HE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND, SOME OF THE VALUE OF THE KANU ELECTION IN ENSURING STABLE TRANSITION WILL BE LOST.  
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